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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2172

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Steve Lawrence, et al.	Examiner:	E. Colbert
Serial No:	09/113,751	Art Unit:	2172
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For:	META SEARCH ENGINE	Dated:	January 22, 2002

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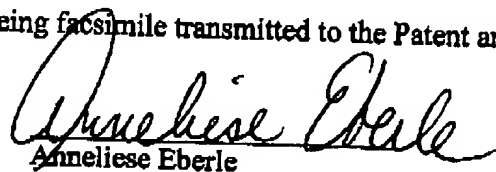
Sir:

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in response to the Advisory Action dated January 7, 2002, which indicated that the proposed amendments submitted in the Amendment Under Rule 1.116 dated December 21, 2001, raised new issues. It is respectfully submitted that no new issues have been raised by the proposed amendments, and, therefore,

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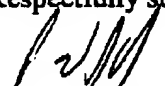
it is requested that the finality of the pending Office Action be removed and a further Office Action be issued in this application.

The substantive amendments to claims 2, 16, 46 and 52 were made by introducing the limitations of claims 2 and 79 into each of these claims. The step of progressively displaying information regarding the documents was formerly in cancelled claim 2 and the step of receiving and processing in parallel responses from the third party search engines was formerly in cancelled claim 79. The remainder of the amendments to these claims are merely clarifying in nature. Similarly, the amendments to claims 4, 12 and 15 are also merely clarifying in nature and do not raise new issues.

It is noted from the Interview Summary Record of the telephone interview of December 6, 2001, that the Examiner believed that it was necessary to have a follow up interview joined by another Examiner who is more familiar with the art. As indicated in the interview summary record of the December 19, 2001 interview, the main features of the search engine were explained to the Examiners. It appears that the Examiners now have a better understanding of the invention and, therefore, it is believed to be appropriate that any additional searching the Examiners deem necessary be conducted within the present application, rather than requiring the applicants to refile the case.


Based on the above, it is respectfully requested that the finality of the pending Office Action be removed and that the amendment dated December 21, 2001 be considered in this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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